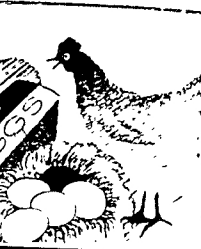
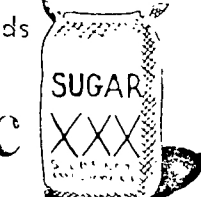


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KILL ADMINISTRATION FEPC BILL



HOUSE LEADERS of the successful fight to defeat the Administration's FEPC bill are pictured above. From left to right they are: Rep. James C. Davis (Ga.), Assistant Floor Leader, Rep. Wm. M. Colmer (Miss.), Chairman of the Southern Group, and Rep. Howard W. Smith (Va.), Floor Leader on the bill.

SEVERAL INJURED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS OVER LAST WEEKEND

Early Sunday morning, Constable Gerald Price was called to the scene of an accident on the highway bridge about one-half mile west of the draw bridge, where a young man, later identified as Geo. S. Hardin, Mechanic, U. S. Navy of 713 Evans Street, Orange Texas, was found lying unconscious, beside his motorcycle, which he had evidently driven into the bridge railing and overturned.

He was found by three soldiers, Cpl. Jack D. Coughlin, Cpl. L. G. Provencher, and Sgt. Jas. Ayr, who were returning to Keesler Field. They immediately notified the bridge tender, who in turn called Constable Price. The injured man was first taken to King's Daughters Hospital here, and attended by Dr. Wolfe, until about 4:30 a. m., when he was transferred to Keesler Field by Fahey Ambulance, accompanied by George DiBenedetto, Pat Garcia, City Policeman Cuevas, Constable Price and Woodrow Lafontaine.

The injured man had a probable fractured skull, fractured jaw, lacerations of the face and head and possible loss of the right eye. About 11:00 p. m. Saturday, it is reported, that three boys from Pass Christian heading north on Highway 90 ran out of gas a mile or so out of Bay St. Louis and a car ran into them causing several hundred dollars' worth of damage. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rasmussen, occupants of the other car, were treated for cuts and bruises but apparently suffered no serious injuries, other than several broken ribs for Mrs. Rasmussen.

Saturday afternoon about 3 o'clock two cars had a head-on collision a few miles north of Bay St. Louis on Highway 90. The occupants of the car en route to New Orleans were Lester Hilborn, who suffered a fractured jaw,

bone broken collar bone and a fractured elbow, and Oswald Brauner, who had a broken leg and a deep cut in the throat. They were treated at King's Daughters Hospital here then sent by ambulance to New Orleans. The occupants of the other car, also from New Orleans, and uninjured, proceeded to Biloxi.

PRESENT CONCERT AT METHODIST CHURCH

Through the efforts of Mrs. J. B. Goldman, a concert was given at the Methodist Church Sunday night at 7:30 by Gerald Richardson, Thelma Batson and Leslie Evenger, musicians from Pearl River Junior College. Mr. Richardson was the organist, Miss Batson, soprano soloist and Mr. Evenger was an instrumentalist.

The program a treat to music lovers, was as follows:
Prelude in G-Minor (Bach), Angelus (J. Massenet), The Angelus Tolls the Hour of Prayer, Mr. Richardson; Ave Maria (Cherubini), Repose Greatly, O Daughter of Zion (Handel), The Almighty (Schubert), Miss Batson; Choral (Boellmann), Priere A Notre Dame, Suite-Galante, Mr. Richardson; Biblical Songs (Dvorak), Miss Batson; Liebestand (Vaeger), From Tristan and Isolde reaches the heights of Music Drama, Eley (Mawmet), A descriptive memorial, Pastoral (Purvis), Mr. Richardson; Calm as the Night (Bohn), The Lost Chord (Sullivan), Mr. Evenger; Christ Went Up Into The Hills Alone (Hagemann), He Was Alone (Paxson), I Talked To God Last Night (Goun), Miss Batson; Toccata (Boellmann), Mr. Richardson.
Musicians from Pearl River College.

CLEAN-UP WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a spring pilgrimage will be held on our beautiful Mississippi Gulf Coast beginning Wednesday, March 15, 1950 and extending through Sunday, March 19, 1950, and

WHEREAS, our City of Bay St. Louis will be the starting point of this pilgrimage and many of our beautiful gardens in Bay St. Louis, Waveland, and Hancock County will be visited by more than two hundred out-of-town visitors, and

WHEREAS, we believe that a more lasting and favorable impression would be had by those visitors to our community if the yards and gardens, homes and buildings presented a maximum appearance of cleanliness and neatness, and

WHEREAS, we believe that our section of the Gulf Coast has been favored by our Creator with an abundance of beauty and loveliness, and that in order to emphasize this natural God-given beauty of our community all citizens and residents are urged to take the utmost pride in having our city as presentable as possible during this pilgrimage,

BE IT, THEREFORE, KNOWN that we, the Commission Council of the City of Bay St. Louis, do hereby declare the week of Thursday, March 9, 1950, through Wednesday, March 15, 1950, as "CLEAN-UP WEEK" in preparation for the Garden Club Spring Pilgrimage beginning March 15, 1950 and ending March 19, 1950.

(Signed) WARREN CARVER, Mayor

ATTEST:
J. CYRIL GLOVER,
SYLVAN J. LADNER, JR.,
Commissioners

City Employs Defense Counsel To Act Against Suits Filed

The Commission Council of Bay St. Louis at its regular meeting held March 6, 1950, voted to employ attorney Robert L. Genn to defend the City against suits filed recently by the Merchants Bank & Trust Company and Mrs. Alice Moreau. The contract provided that a "reasonable fee" would be paid the attorney. Mayor Warren Carver voted against Mr. Genn's employment.

The Merchants Bank & Trust Company asks repayment of a loan of \$6800 made to the City in 1948. While the City Council does not deny that the City actually received the money and spent it for City purposes, the Council does claim that it has no authority to repay the loan to the Merchants Bank in view of the fact that the actions of the members of the previous administration in borrowing the money is not reflected in the minutes of the Council.

The State Department of Audit in their examination of the books and records of the last four years of the previous administration took no exception to the transaction. In fact, the State Department of Audit certified that the amount of \$6800 is due the Merchants Bank by the City.

The suit by Mrs. Alice Moreau is for recovery of ten mills of the present City levy which she alleges is illegal and, therefore, the City is without authority to enforce payment. The suit of this case which was originally set for Monday, March 6, in Justice of the Peace Court, was postponed by agreement until Friday, March 10, 1950.

American Legion To Sponsor Three Boys To Boys State This Summer

A quota of three boys for the Annual Summer session of Magnolia Boys' State will be granted to this community through the American Legion of Mississippi, it was made known today by Fred E. Fayard, Sr. Commander, the Clement R. Bontemps Post No. 139 of the American Legion.

The summer session will be the ninth held in Mississippi where boys from all parts of the state meet in Jackson to see in action the principles of democracy. Usually chosen from outstanding boys in their communities, the teenagers from political parties in the mythical state of Magnolia. The 1949 sessions were cancelled as a result of the political prevalence in the state. Elections highlight early sessions of the meet, and public officials from municipalities, counties, and the state proper are elected. Top office is that of governor, going to a boy who will for one week take over the office of Governor Fielding L. Wright in the Capitol. Other elected officials will occupy the offices of local, life local and state officials.

Commander Fred E. Fayard, Sr., in making known three boys from Hancock County, said that the programs, long sponsored by the American Legion, was not a Camp or a pleasure jaunt, rather, he emphasized the practical value of the training which boys receive by actually participating in the state legislature and in the duties of public offices. It was also announced that an extensive program for the boys has been arranged from training sessions to evening entertainment. Specially trained counselors, versed in government procedures, have been engaged for the session.

League of Women Voters To Present Names Of Nominees Friday

The nominees of the proposed League of Women Voters of Bay St. Louis will be presented at the general meeting at the Court House on Friday, March 10th at 8:00 p. m.

Following is the slate of nominees: Mrs. E. C. Samuels, president, Mrs. Sam Whitfield, Vice-president, Mrs. Earl Wiegand, vice-president, Mrs. W. W. Jones, secretary, and Mrs. Elizabeth Crasto treasurer.

Members of the board are: Mrs. J. Kern, Mrs. Leigh Carroll and Mrs. T. E. Schafer, Jr.

It is hoped that everybody will come to the meeting Friday, especially the women in the County.

ENTERTAINS WITH GAME OF CANASTA

Mrs. Elizabeth Crasto entertained at a game of Canasta last Thursday night at her home on South Beach. Her guests were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tourne, Mrs. Gertrude Foley Saucier and Mrs. W. A. Prewitt.

OFFICIAL WEATHER FORECAST FOR WEEKEND BEGINNING FRIDAY

From the New Orleans Weather Bureau

PARTLY Cloudy and Warmer Friday and Saturday. A few Showers likely Saturday.

JUVENILE BASEBALL LEAGUE RAINED OUT LAST SUNDAY

Will Open This Sunday Weather Permitting

Old man Jupiter Pluvius acted a bit contrary last Sunday, deluging Magnolia Field with a superabundance of his ultimate moisture, thereby disappointing some 60 eager kids and a number of their parents as well as a baseball fans who were looking forward to a grand opening of the Juvenile Baseball League. The wet field necessitated a postponement of the opening to Sunday coming, March 12, at 2:00 p. m. As was originally arranged, the Hon. Mayor Carver as well as Commissioners Glover and Ladner will officially open festivities by acting as pitcher, batter and catcher for the first ball thrown.

A small admission fee of 20c for adults and 10c for children will be charged. This will be used entirely for the expense of running the league such as baseballs, bases, catchers' outfits and the gold and silver balls that will be presented to the members of the teams finishing in first and second places. The individual prizes for sportsmanship, base stealing, fielding and batting will be donated by some of our generous citizens whose names will be announced later.

The games will be of five innings each and every boy who is a member of one of the teams will play. Be sure to turn out in numbers to root for and encourage the kids.

Coast Pilgrimage Opens Here March 15th

In connection with the Spring Pilgrimage sponsored by the Coast Council of Garden Clubs, Mayor Carver has designated this week as clean-up week. The five day Coast Pilgrimage opens on Wednesday, March 15th, in Bay St. Louis where the pirate theme will be carried out and a brunch served for \$1.00 between 11:00 o'clock and 1:00 o'clock the Yacht Club restaurant.

From 1:00 p. m. on through the afternoon eight gardens will be open to the public. On each successive day the Pilgrimage will move on to Pass Christian, Long Beach, Biloxi and Pascagoula. The route to be taken by the Pilgrimage follows:

Leave Yacht Club down the beach to Kohler Garden from there down beach to Highway 90, turn right at Second and into Seminary Garden; leave Seminary and follow arrows on Highway to Darwood-on-the-Jordan, Dr. Emmett Irwin; then Holly-Bluff on the Jordan, J. L. Crump; follow arrows from there to O. J. Lottoff, then back Highway 90 to Nicholson Avenue; down Nicholson and follow arrows to J. S. V. Hulzer; W. J. Gex and Ed M. Brignac.

MARCH 10 LAST DAY TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR CENSUS JOBS

Applications for employment as Enumerators in the 17th Decennial Census will be accepted in the Census District Office, room 5, Great Southern Hotel, Gulfport, Mississippi, until March 10 according to Arthur Fox Arrington, District Supervisor for the Gulfport District.

No additional applications for employment in the 1950 Census starting April 1, will be accepted after that date stated Mr. Arrington. Written tests will be given to those who apply before March 10 to indicate which applicants can best comprehend and follow the detailed and exacting written and oral instructions given to Enumerators as they train for their assignment.

Training the Enumerators will begin about March 27, under the direction of 21 Crew Leaders, each of whom will be responsible for about 20 Enumerators. In addition to training the Enumerators, these Crew Leaders will supervise their work in the field and check their reports for accuracy and completeness. The Crew Leaders in turn report to Census District Supervisor, Arthur Fox Arrington.

The final test will be given to all applicants at the following places at specified date and hour. The applicant may report to take the test at the most convenient place and time.

Monday, April 10 - Courthouse, Waynesboro, Miss. 9:30 a. m.; Courthouse, Prentiss, Miss. 9:30 a. m.; Courthouse, Hattiesburg, Miss. 3:00 p. m.; Courthouse, New Augusta, Miss. 3:00 p. m.

Tuesday, April 11—Room 5, Great Southern Hotel, Gulfport Miss., 9:30 a. m.

ART AND CRAFT EXHIBIT AT HOTEL REED

The Magnolia Art Association will hold a one day exhibit of Arts and Crafts at the Hotel Reed on Tuesday March 14 between the hours of 11:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. Those exhibiting are members of the Association of Bay St. Louis. This is the first showing of this group, which has just recently joined the Association. It is hoped all interested will attend.

RED CROSS FUND DRIVE NOW IN FULL SWING

The American Red Cross Drive for funds, which began officially on March 1, is now in full swing and if you have not yet been contacted by one of the committee members for your contribution, be sure to get in touch with one of them because the Red Cross needs whatever help you can give in their fight against disaster which strikes like a thief at night without warning.

Remember September, 1917? When the storm struck, the Red Cross was ready. Each chapter chairman moved his units to points of need like an army in the field of battle. Isolated families were taken to safety, the injured were sheltered and fed. What might have been even a worse calamity was averted by the quick work of the Red Cross.

The Red Cross needs your help; who knows when you may need theirs. Make your contribution today. Let's put Hancock County over the top in record time.

NCCW Meeting Held At Pass Christian Wednesday

The regular monthly meeting of the National Council of Catholic Women was held in Pass Christian Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. John Galloway, president, presiding.

Mrs. Hoffman, State president, reminded the members of the Board meeting in Jackson on Palm Sunday and asked all who could to attend. Mrs. Galloway asked that chairmen send in their reports to the State Chairman before March 24th.

Father O'Malley answered questions from the floor and explained the Catholic viewpoint on the Barden bill. Since Catholics, taxes which help support Catholic parishes as well as non-public schools, Catholics are asking participation in federal funds to aid schools only insofar as bus transportation and medical aid is concerned, not the support of Catholic Schools. Also the distribution of funds is based on the total number of school children in the State, Catholic and non-Catholic; therefore the Catholic school children should receive transportation and medical aid as American children indisputably.

About thirty members were present, and as no refreshments were served in Lent, the attendance price was a beautiful religious picture, which was won by Mrs. W. A. Prewitt, of Bay St. Louis, Gulfport, and Long Beach were also represented.

Coast Electric Power Association Installs Two-Way Radio Equipment

STATE BOXING TOURNAMENT THIS WEEKEND

The State Boxing Tournament for this district will be held this week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, March 9-10-11, at Bay High School Gym.

Teams competing will be Bay High School, Saint Stanislaus, Brooklyn, Gulf Coast Military Academy, Pass Christian, Kila High School, and Belzoni.

All of these teams have good records for this season and the competition should be very close and interesting. Saint Stanislaus and Bay High have not lost a regular season match. They were scheduled to meet but for some reason the match was called off.

Stanislaus is the defending State champions and have some very fine prospects again this year.

ATTENDING N. R. E. C. A. CHICAGO CONVENTION THIS WEEK

Attending the NRECA Convention in Chicago, from Coast Electric Power Association, are Directors Walter Stewart and F. Randall Rester of Pearl River County, George Curet of Hancock County and H. H. Shattuck, manager of the Association.

This group left Saturday afternoon from New Orleans, expecting to return about Friday, March 10th.

The Convention will be held beginning March 6 through March 9, at the Stevens Hotel, and will be attended by some 4,000 delegates from throughout the United States, member-systems of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

These meetings have grown to be one of the great annual farm conclaves in the nation, representing nearly 2 1/2 million rural families and crossroads communities with REA-financed electric service.

PILGRIMAGE TO BE BROADCAST SUNDAY OVER STATION WWL

The spring Pilgrimage under the direction of the Coast Council of Garden Clubs will be broadcast Sunday over Radio station WWL, at 1:00 p. m. through the courtesy of the Hollywood Shop, New Orleans, who will relinquish their time of fifteen minutes and will also pay for the broadcast. Be sure to listen in.

"The latest in two-way radio communication equipment has been installed by the Coast Electric Power Association, and is now speeding service throughout the three county area served by the Association," H. H. Shattuck, manager of the Association, stated.

The base station of 250 watt power has been authorized by the Federal Communications Commission to operate on an assigned frequency of 48.30 megacycles and under the call letters KKB 756. The mobile units, installed in the eight key transportation units of the Association, operate on the same frequency and under the call letters KA 4586.

The equipment is of the FM type manufactured by the Motorola Company and embodies the latest in radio development.

The 250 watt transmitter is located in the Bay St. Louis Fire Department Station, operates through a high-gain antenna high atop the adjacent water storage tank, and is controlled by a remote control unit located at the Association's main office in Bay St. Louis.

The installation of the equipment marks another mile stone in Coast Electric's progress and insures the membership of Coast Electric's better service due to constant communication between office and service units. Sizeable savings in travel expense will be effected and safety factor in switching operations improved.

MOTHER AND CHILD TAKEN BY DEATH

A double funeral took place Monday due to the sudden death of Mrs. Cynthia Ann Richardson Doussan, at 3:30 a. m. Sunday morning, March 5, and that of her infant daughter six hours later. She was the wife of Edmond J. Doussan and the daughter of Cynthia Thompson and William P. Richardson, Sr. She is also survived by a brother, William P. Richardson, Jr., and a sister, Mrs. Charles R. Knowles, of Canada.

Funeral services were held from the Fahey Funeral Home with requiem Mass at 11:00 a. m. March 6, at Our Lady of the Gulf Church with Rev. Father Edward P. Desmond officiating. The funeral cortege then motored to New Orleans with Father Peter Grant accompanying the body and conducting services at the cemetery. Interment was in St. Louis No. 2 cemetery in New Orleans.

Pall bearers were Sidney J. Doussan, Henry J. Doussan, Alvin J. Weinfurter, Peter R. Monroe, Sr., Alva B. Howell, Jr., and E. P. Kirkpatrick.

Coast Electric Installs Radio System



TOP LEFT: 250 watt transmitter located in Bay St. Louis first station.
TOP RIGHT: Remote control unit located at Coast Electric's office, 154 Main Street, Bay St. Louis.
CENTER: High-gain antenna located high atop water storage tank, Bay St. Louis.
BOTTOM LEFT: Mobile installation, showing radio compartment and antenna installation.
BOTTOM RIGHT: Mobile unit in operation. Arthur Miller, popular Bay area trouble shooter at the microphone.
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THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Under our present system of electing a President and a Vice-President of the United States, the voters cast their ballots for the Presidential Electors. It amounts to a "winner-take-all" proposition. In our own State, for instance, should 75% of the voters cast their ballots for the Democratic Party's electors and the remaining 25% cast their ballots for the Republican Party's electors, the Democratic candidates for President and Vice-President would receive 100% of the State's electoral vote.

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, however, has introduced an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to change this system of choosing our nation's leaders. If enacted into law, it would mean that the electoral college vote would be divided in proportion to the popular vote. In other words, using the example of a fourth above, if 75% of Mississippi's voters cast their ballots for the Democratic Party's electors and the remaining 25% cast their ballots for the Republican Party's electors, then the State's electoral votes would be divided on the same basis. It would mean the end of the "winner-take-all" system. No citizen would lose his vote insofar as his choice of presidential electors is concerned.

Senator Lodge's amendment has already been passed by more than the required two-thirds majority of the Senate. It now remains to pass the House of Representatives by the required two-thirds majority. That will be a sure-fire test of the merits of the proposed amendment. Passage by both the Senate and the House does not, however, mean that the amendment will be written into our Federal Constitution. It must pass the acid test of ratification by at least three-fourths of the States.

That will take time—probably years. But such a change in the system of selecting our nation's leaders should be a slow procedure. We have done too badly under the present electoral college system. But the Lodge amendment may have its merits. Anyway, if it passes the United States Senate by more than the required two-thirds majority, if it successfully goes through the United States House of Representatives by the required two-thirds majority, and if it finally is ratified by at least three-fourths of the States of the Union, then we will have to admit that the amendment must be good.

LETTERS

706 Hancock Street
Bay St. Louis, Miss.
March 6, 1950

Editor, The Eagle
What's ahead for Bay St. Louis? Sweeping industrial shifts have brought into Mississippi over 700 new factories in 10 years. Millions of dollars in new money have been put into circulation.

A new tuna fish cannery at Moss Point and a new garment plant at Ocean Springs will employ over 400 persons. The new cement plant at Gulfport will reopen soon.

With only one notable exception, the whole Mississippi Coast is getting its share of the new industrial plants offering employment, new tax sources, and greater prosperity for all. That lone exception is Bay St. Louis, which, so far has succeeded in keeping prosperity away from its doors.

Two forces—powerful when combined—must take the credit for keeping industries out of Bay St. Louis and Hancock County: The lawless gang, and others posing as law-abiding and respectable citizens who feel that this community should be preserved exclusively as a resort and playground for visitors.

Who would benefit from new pay-lazy workers their families, more tax income for public services, schools, better housing, improved streets and parks, more business for stores, etc., and more money in circulation for almost everybody.

Why can't Bay St. Louis have its share of new industrial plants now locating in the South? Only the attitude of its leaders (only some of them, of course) stand in the way.

Signed: J. LEWIS HENDERSON

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VIEWS and REVIEWS

WHAT THEY SAY WHETHER RIGHT OR WRONG

by STONY LEE

IT'S TIME TO THINK

Current events prove that we are actually confronted with a choice between two ideologies, some form of socialism or Communism, and truly Democratic free enterprise. Some of the proposals sound good but they have dangerous potentialities and we had better think and consider them before they are enacted. If we continue to pursue purely selfish aims we will be trapped into a state of socialism and then when we wake up it will be too late. Here is striking evidence in proof that there is no substitute what we need for free enterprise and private ownership. In World War I Government operation of the railroads cost the American taxpayers \$1,600,000,000 an average of about two million dollars a day. Although both freight rates and passenger fares were materially increased during World War II, Government operation of the railroads cost the tax payers nothing. Freight rates remained at pre-war levels and passenger fares were advanced but slightly. In the four year period (1942-1945), the privately operated railroads actually paid the Government \$2,500,000,000 a day in Federal income tax. Taking losses under Federal control, it was a net gain for the Government. Say, really, \$2,500,000 a day better. If under private operation in World War II than under Government operation of World War I. The careless expenditure of such vast sums involved in Government operation of any industry is only possible because the tax payers are passed over in the tax favoring money. The spending of money by our Government is of vital concern to America's future.

SOCIAL INSECURITY

In a discussion of our Federal aid to states, we recently heard a speaker relate the following story:

A couple of Texas decided to get married and settle down, so they went to a big movie dog and took up abode. Life was sweet and easy. Food and shelter were provided from a central source, and heat also was supplied by the generous animal. Freedom from want and fear had been attained. There was in fact, a housing unit in every ankle. All the fleas had to do was eat, sleep and multiply. The dog seldom scratched, plunged into the streams or in any other manner disturbed the peace of his joyous inhabitants. He was the kind never to put selfish material rights before human rights. Thus the fleas enjoyed the abundant life, and they increased to amazing numbers. But the patient dog, sure and unappreciated, finally grew weary, unable longer to support the hungry and non-productive population, he wandered off into the underbrush and there gave up the ghost. Consternation reigned among the fleas; they ran frantically from one end of the body to the other shouting that the economic system had let them down. There was some talk of suing the old carcus for lack of cooperation. Many of the panicky parasites, disillusioned and dispossessed, perished on the spot. By this time, totally appalled to search out a new livelihood, others, bitter in spirit, trudged out to face a cruel world, and died by the roadside trying to thumb a ride on the next dog. A little more initiative and individual struggle, discipline and self-reliance, and the fleas would be living yet, and so would the dog.

THE AMERICAN LEGION, 'OPERATION SURVIVAL'

Every man who carries a paid up Legion membership card of 1940 is helping to win the Legion's fight to protect veterans' benefits. Membership pays off in full in 1940. Carl carrying members count.

The Legion is now engaged in a grim battle to defeat the forces of alleged economy who propose to abolish the Veterans Administration, destroy most of the benefits won by the Legion for the veteran cut off veterans' preference and have the great VA hospitalization program thrown up for grabs to some new bureau which will be known as the United Medical Administration to catch all for the Army, Navy, Air Force and public service. That is what Section II and Section IX of the House Commission report on Veterans Affairs proposes to do. If they accomplish their objective, the American Legion should hang its head in shame. Let's not have this be another case of too little and too late. Let's get them first with the most membership.

Membership and a dynamic nationwide campaign against this segment of the House Commission is the one and only way we will beat this revival of the 1941 Economy Act. Membership is the strong voice of three million veterans of both wars crying "Halt!" a fearless measure inspired by the economy experts of big business.

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MISSISSIPPI TRAFFIC FATALITIES FOR FEB. TOTAL FIFTY-FIVE

Unofficial figures released by the Accident Bureau of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol show 55 lives have been snuffed out due to some one's carelessness on the streets and highways of Mississippi during February. Compared to February of 1949, this is almost a 300 per cent increase. For February of 1949 there were 14 people killed in Mississippi by traffic accidents.

In addition to those killed, the Patrol has investigated 201 accidents in which 151 were injured badly enough to get to a hospital with \$250,170 worth of property damage. In one accident where a transport loaded with gasoline and a car collided, the result was 2 injured and \$85,000 in property damage. Yes, one accident. Several of those injured are still in a critical condition and may die. In fact, when complete figures are available in all probability the total dead will exceed the all-time high of 55 for the month of February 1941.

The dead caused by traffic accidents for the month of February since records have been kept by the Highway Patrol are: 1939, 17; 1940, 29; 1941, 55; 1942, 33; 1943, 24; 1944, 19; 1945, 9; 1946, 35; 1947, 12; 1948, 22; 1949, 14.

Why must this slaughter continue? Speed, drunken driving, reckless driving, running of stop signs, and careless pedestrians in other words, plain carelessness.

Col. T. B. Birdsong, Commissioner of Public Safety states, "Every available man of the Highway Patrol is working 14 to 16 hours in an effort to apprehend violators in State highways. Almost every night patrolmen have to get out of bed to investigate accidents of apprehend violators. Many of these accidents are happening after the Patrol is off duty. Even though the patrol-

men are subject to call 24 hours, these men have to get some rest." Says Col. Birdsong further, "If we are to cope with the flagrant traffic violator, we must have more men; in fact, enough for 24 hour coverage of main highways and also some plain cars. You cannot catch a speeder or reckless driver with the white cars we have now."

The Patrol has increased enforcement over 60 per cent in the past year. All other enforcement officers are co-operating all over the state. The people of Mississippi paid a terrible price for traffic accidents in 1949, 384 killed, several thousand injured, many permanently, and over twenty million dollars in property damage. What have you done to reduce traffic accidents?

Says Col. Birdsong, "Only through the cooperation of the Public that drives the vehicles, can we expect to cut down on terrible toll of life, limb and property. Drunken drivers must realize they will lose their license for one year, if convicted."

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STENNIS PLEADS 'CAUSE OF SMALL THEATRES ON TAX

Washington. The cause of the small town theatre operator was pleaded Friday by Senator Stennis (D-Miss.) who said the federal tax admissions threatens many of them with financial ruin.

"No other small business in a small town has such a tax burden imposed on it in addition to all other taxes," he said in a statement for the House ways and means committee in which he advocated repeal of all federal excise taxes.

Urging immediate action to "rectify this inequity," Stennis said the small town theatres are being badly crippled and cannot survive much longer.

Stennis said state and federal taxes take 25 to 30 per cent of their gross receipts while the "Hollywood end" of the industry exacts from 40 to 70 per cent of the gross receipts.

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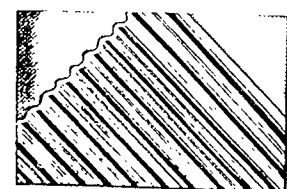
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TELEPHONE COMPANY WILLING TO BARGAIN WITH UNION TO PREVENT STRIKE

The Southern Bell Telephone Company will agree to bargain with Division 49 CWA-CIO post the current 30-day bargaining period, a 100-day extension of the current contract terms until that date.

The company's statement, obtained in a message signed by President H. S. Dumas, was in answer to a request by President Truman that the company continue bargaining with the union for an additional 60 days after February 24.

Mr. Dumas declared that the company firmly believes that "collective bargaining is the best basis for establishing wages and working conditions" and that it is willing to continue bargaining intensively in an effort to reach an agreement with the union.

The complete text of Mr. Dumas' letter to the President follows:

February 22, 1950

I, the President, The White House, Washington, D. C.

In reply to your telegram of February 22, 1950, requesting that this company agree to an additional period of sixty (60) days of intensive collective bargaining in an effort to compose any differences between this company and the union representing its employees, you should first be advised that the collective bargaining contract for Southern Bell employees and such contracts for employees of other telephone companies must be distinguished.

Under the terms of our working agreement with Southern Division No. 49 of Communications Workers of America, CIO, provision is made for the wage negotiations which are now taking place. If a mutually satisfactory wage change is not agreed upon, our agreement provides that either party may terminate it "not earlier than June 5, 1950, by giving sixty days' advance written notice." More importantly, it also provides that "if notice to terminate is not given, this agreement shall continue in effect in accordance with its then existing terms," which, among other things, specify that the rates of pay and working conditions, therein set forth, "shall remain unchanged and shall govern the relationship between the parties."

This working agreement has been amended once since its execution, so as to provide further that "under no circumstances may it be terminated earlier than June 5, 1950, and then only if no change in wage rates is agreed upon as a result" of the wage negotiations now in progress.

Consequently, our agreement requires not only the present negotiations but also 60 days' advance notice of a desire to terminate before the agreement can be terminated on June 5, 1950.

We also stress the fact that the National Labor Relations Act requires the CWA-CIO to abide by its agreement, without resorting to strike or other concerted interruption of operations, during the present wage negotiations or "until the expiration date of such contract whichever occurs later." Threats of the CWA-CIO to violate federal laws and to breach contractual obligations should not be appeased by extra-legal procedures or agreements changing the terms of the agreement which are valid and binding and voluntarily entered into.

A modification of the contract at this time is premature and would be highly prejudicial to orderly collective bargaining and contract observance. Unless changes in present wages are agreed upon in current negotiations, these present wages "shall remain unchanged and shall govern the relationship between the parties" until the agreement is terminated. Injecting provisions foreign to the plain terms of the agreement should not be allowed to nullify these contractual obligations entered into by officers of Southern Division No. 49, with the written approval of national President, J. A. Deirne of the CWA-CIO Contract and labor observance makes it imperative that there be no intervention until the parties have concluded their present negotiations and until the agreement has been terminated according to its provisions.

We are informed that contracts between the CWA-CIO and other telephone companies have terminated or will shortly terminate. Our situation is different. Notice to terminate has not been given by the CWA-CIO. Notice cannot be given until present negotiations are unsuccessful, concluded, and then such notice can only effect a termination not earlier than June 5, 1950.

This company desires and proposes to respect the sanctity of the present contract and to abide by it and federal law. It expects the CWA-CIO to do likewise. Any other course at the present time would be contrary to the law and our agreement.

We are keenly aware of the public interest and welfare which is involved. Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company believes that a strike by its employees at this time would be unlawful and the company is prepared fully to protect the interests of the public and its subscribers in the territory it serves by appropriate court action to enforce its existing contract and the federal and state laws of the several states in which it operates, and, in any event, the company is prepared to furnish emergency service.

In negotiations with the Union on wages and in dealing with state regulatory bodies on the rates and charges for intra-state services, we must adhere to the position that it is proper for us to pay wages that are fairly related to the wage levels of those who buy our service.

We are to agree to pay wages materially in excess of those paid by and received by those who buy our services, we would have to charge rates which would place our service out of the reach of the family income of present customers, and out of the reach of others whom we hope to serve in the

future. This would be contrary to public interest.

We believe in collective bargaining as the best basis for establishing wages and working conditions. This company will continue to bargain intensively for the period provided by this contract, and in addition is willing to extend the bargaining period until June 5, 1950, provided the Union agrees in writing that all of the terms, conditions and provisions of the existing contract shall remain in full force and effect until that time.

H. S. DUMAS, PRESIDENT, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company

Thurs. & Fri., March 16-17 At The Star Theatre

Melodrama, deals with exciting band business. Adventure of a young man who is a victim of a series of mysterious deaths. George Raft, as hero, Ella Raines and Pat O'Brien in co-starring roles.

The drama and intrigue inherent in the little known business of furnishing bail for persons charged with law violations is excitingly revealed in RKO Radio's action-packed thriller "A Dangerous Profession."

Raft, as a former policeman, is O'Brien's partner in a bail bond house. Following the arrest of a youngster named Brackett, implicated in a big security theft case, Raft meets Ella Raines, a former girl friend, who is married to Brackett, who begs Raft to arrange bail for the boy. Against the advice of his partner, Raft gets Brackett released, putting up the firm money, and a few hours later Brackett is mysteriously killed.

Raft grimly sets out to solve the murder case and that of the theft. This brings him into conflict with his pals in the police force and with O'Brien. How he finally succeeds in his project at the risk of his life, provides the climax of the unusual drama.

THE SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

by Cedric Heitzmann

STANISLAUS DEFEATS GCMA BOXERS

The Rockchaws of St. Stanislaus defeated the GCMA Cadets at SSC Gym Friday night by the score of seven and a half to two and a half. The Rocks showed that they are going places and expect to enter about 20 boys in the tournament this week.

In the 70 lb. class, the pre-wit of Stanislaus lost to Delahoussaye by a decision.

90 lb.—Frank Noto of Stanislaus and Malina of GCMA fought to draw.

100 lb.—Gearheard of Stanislaus won over Kilpatrick by a very close decision.

116 lb.—Schwartz of SSC scored a TKO over Fruge of GCMA in the 3rd round.

112 lb.—Benvenuti of Stanislaus made short work of Boyd and was awarded a TKO in the 1st round.

130 lbs.—Guthrie of Stanislaus won a close decision over Adams of GCMA in an interesting bout.

130 lb.—Bobby Mills won over Gabel in a close match as both boys fought well.

135 lb.—Jimmy Holmes of SSC defeated Mickey Holmes early in the 2nd round by a TKO when J. Holmes sunk a hard right into M. Holmes' stomach.

135 lb.—Curet of Stanislaus won a close decision over Parker of GCMA. Parker hit the canvas twice.

160 lb.—Between Gutrecht of Stanislaus and Ruiz of GCMA. It was the first time either boy had been in the ring and both boys put up a great fight. Ruiz getting the decision.

BAY HI TIGERS DEFEAT RESERVE WILDCATS AT RESERVE, LA.

The Bay Hi Tiger mittmen journeyed to Reserve to swap leather with Reserve Wildcats and won 6-3.

In 60-65 lb. class Jennings of Bay Hi lost a very close fight to Brady of Reserve.

60-65 lb.—V. Payadeau won over K. Hymel by a popular decision. Payadeau and Hymel put up a real good fight.

75-80 lb.—A. J. (Little Asa) Peterson, the buzz-saw of the Tigers and Weber of Reserve fought one of the most interesting fights of all when both boys stood toe to toe and fought three good rounds to a draw.

80-85 lb.—Terrell Randolph won over R. Loupe by a decision.

85-90 lb.—Donald Cole won a very close decision from R. Hymel of Reserve.

The quickest fight of the night was stopped in the first round when M. J. Payadeau broke B. Haydels nose and the bout was halted and called a draw which is a rule in amateur boxing.

120 lb.—Herman Price lost a close decision to Torres of Reserve. It was a good fight all the way.

130 lb.—Curtis Colson made short work of Robicheaux by knocking him out after 1 min., 42 sec. of the first round.

135 lb.—Martin Noto won over L. Loupe by a TKO in the second round.

STATE BOXING TOURNAMENT AT BAY HIGH GYM MARCH 10th, 11th—THIS WEEK.

LADNER-KIMBEL SOFTBALL TEAM

The Ladner-Kimbel Softball team began their practice session at the back school grounds and a bunch of players turned out for practice. Lloyd Ladner and John Kimbel, the sponsors of the team, expect to field a very fine club in the Pass Christian Softball League.

KAYSEES SOFTBALL TEAM

Mgr. Tut Monti had his boys out for practice and from reports he will field a fast and hard hitting ball club.

The official opening of the League will be Monday night, April 10th. Games will be played on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights.

HANCOCK COUNTY EAGLE, THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1950

WAVELAND WANDERINGS

By Mrs. Georgette Hall

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Cynthia Ann Richardson Dousan who passed away Sunday, March 5. Her six-hour-old daughter, Cynthia Ann, was buried with the mother in the funeral home followed by a requiem mass at Our Lady of the Gulf Church. The ladies were brought to New Orleans for interment in St. Louis Cemetery No. 2.

Mrs. Dousan was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Richardson, Sr. former New Orleans who have lived in Waveland on Nicholson Avenue for a number of years. Mr. Richardson is the representative of Robinson & Company on the New Orleans Cotton Exchange. Mrs. Dousan is survived by her husband, Edmund J. Dousan, a sister, Mrs. Elaine Knowles, of Canada, and a brother, William P. Richardson.

Reverend Richard Schurman of the Clermont Harbor Methodist Church has announced that the regular Sunday afternoon vespers services which have been held in Waveland for the past month have been changed to Friday nights at 7:30 o'clock. The first meeting will be held tonight at 7:28 Beach Boulevard. This meeting will also be a business meeting at which time a Board of Trustees will be elected.

Rain and extreme cold kept many New Orleans within the city over the weekend and those who did drive to the Coast were forced to remain indoors because of the inclement weather. However, the following were seen in and about Waveland during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Angelle spent the weekend-end at their beach home in Tide St.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Callahan were seen in their home on Waveland Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Mahner spent Saturday and Sunday in their home on Market Street.

Mrs. Sidney Carrio and her grandson, Harris Pattillo, left Sunday night for Washington, D. C. to visit with her daughter.

Mrs. Eunice Frazier spent the week-end with her sister in New Orleans.

Recently Mrs. Mary Margaret Turner, First and Second Grade teacher at the Waveland S. School, raffled a lively vase in order to get funds to sponsor a Valentine party at the school. Herman Lott was the lucky winner.

For four more days! Count 'em 1, 2, 3, 4—Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday! That's right, just 4 more days to wait until that big hango party at the Waveland Tavern Hall which is to be sponsored by the ladies in charge of the Waveland Lunch Room. Tickets are twenty-five cents for all and this small sum will be an invitation to meet your friends and spend an enjoyable evening supporting a worthy cause. According to Mrs. Christine Bourgeois donations will be gratefully accepted and will be called for if you have something to donate.

Mrs. James G. Powell, wife of Brigadier General Powell, of Keesler Field, and Mrs. Richard Baker, wife of Major Baker, also of Keesler Field, visited Craft's Anchorage Saturday, February 25. The ladies enjoyed tea and visited Mrs. Craft's greenhouse.

Mrs. Craft, busy lady that she is these days, is decorating at Keesler Field a Woman's Club and a nursery for the base for children of service men. Plans are also underway for an Easter formal and a Gay Nineties Revue which will be presented shortly after Easter. The cast will number over 100 and promises to be hilarious entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Macaluso spent the weekend-end at their beach home. Their guests were Misses Nina and Eileen Clesi.

Mrs. Gerry Fennaci resumed her dancing classes this Saturday after a short illness.

Mrs. Walter C. Hava, wife of Dr. Walter C. Hava, has been appointed chairman of a nominating committee by the New Orleans Woman's Club. Dr. and Mrs. Hava have retained a

HOSPITAL NOTES

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Ryan at King's Daughters Hospital on March 2. The baby weighed seven pounds and three ounces and was named Michael James. He is the first son and child of last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Lefebvre have another daughter, born at King's Daughters Hospital and weighing seven pounds, six ounces.

Roland Lefebvre, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Lefebvre of Pass Christian, Rt. 1, is all in King's Daughters Hospital with pneumonia.

Mr. O. J. Goring of Elton, Mo., has been a patient at King's Daughters Hospital since March 2nd.

Mr. Jos. Foley is all in King's Daughters Hospital.

Vernon Lefebvre, age 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Lefebvre of Rocky Hill, underwent an appendectomy at King's Daughters Hospital on Wednesday, March 1st.

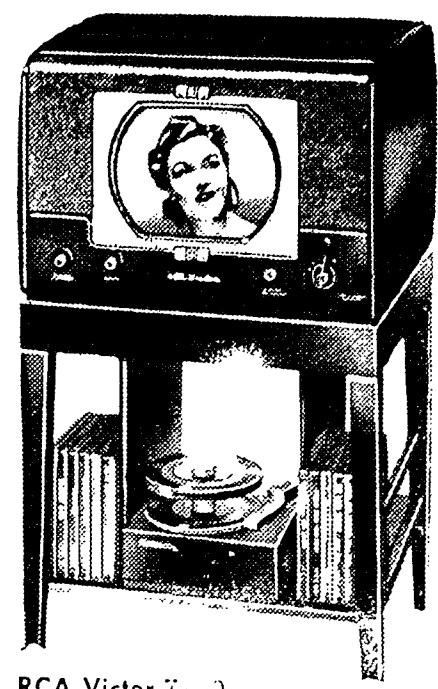
Mr. G. Y. Blaine, who suffered a heart attack Saturday night, is in King's Daughters Hospital but is reported doing better.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Pivoli of DeLisle, Pass Christian, Rt. 1, are the parents of a new baby boy, born at King's Daughters Hospital on March 1.

Leaves To Play Professional Baseball With Texas Team

Charles Ladner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Ladner of Waveland, has accepted a contract to play professional baseball with the Lufkin, Texas, Club. He left March 8 to join the club as pitcher. Charles is a graduate of St. Stanislaus where he played baseball for four years, and also one year in the American Legion Team.

summer home in Waveland for many years. Dr. Hava spent a few hours at his beach home this week.



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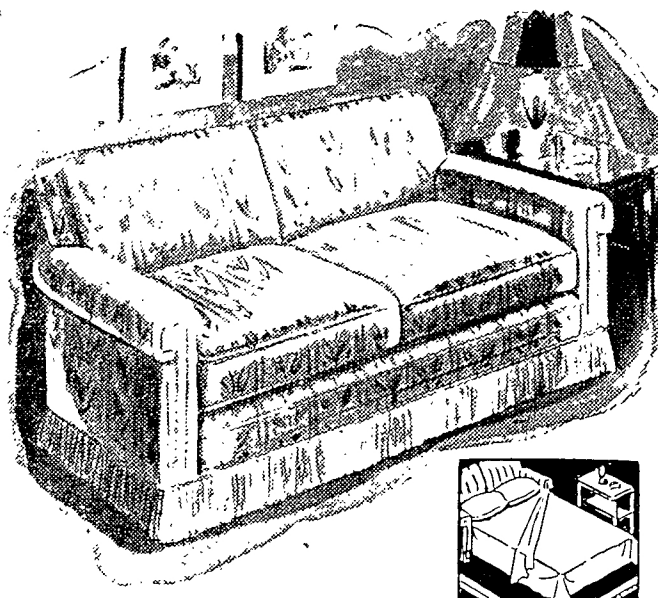
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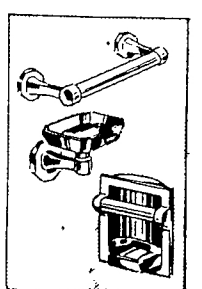
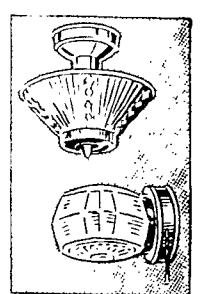
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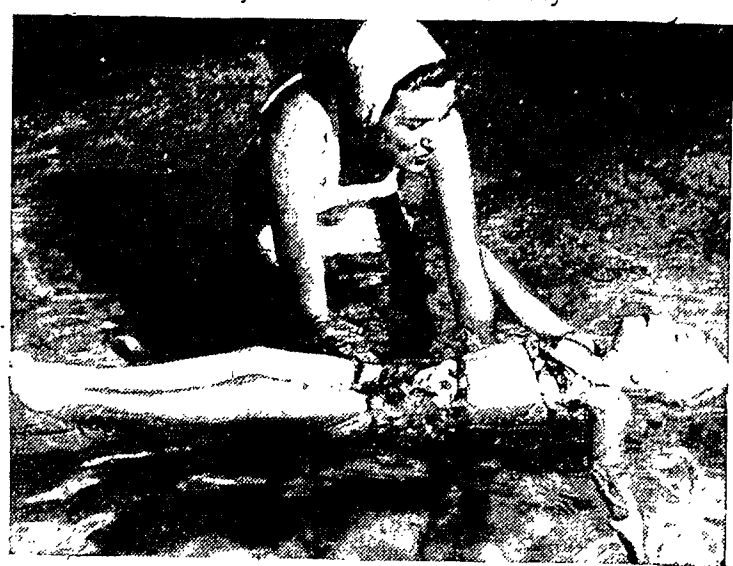
Jackson, Miss. — Teacher salary equalization and a four-year medical college bill are the two of the most knotty problems confronting the Mississippi legislature. It will get a thorough airing this week, and the decisions made may have a direct bearing on a third obstacle, highway financing.

That much-talked-about Mississippi Education Assn. program to end all pay discrimination between teachers, the formula which teachers say is necessary to resolve the issue, was docketed to debate at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday.

But debate is expected to steer away from the program's merits and dwell upon its price tag \$11,600,000 above the \$45 million biennial school budget.

WRIGHT OPPOSED

Legislative leaders in the program say it is dead regardless of the vote the House takes. They cite first the



Red Cross swimming instruction gets this confident youngster off to an early start to safety in the water. Last year 568,375 Red Cross swimming certificates were issued.

SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

By James L. Bishop, Soil Conservation Service

At 71 when many men are rocking on the front porch, Uncle Joe Shaw of the Crane Creek Community is changing his way of farming.

He's going to let his beef and dairy cows harvest most of their own feed. And, he will tell you, "I'm going to preserve this land for my grandchildren."

Uncle Joe, who signs his name Joseph Shaw, Sr., is one of the early settlers of his community. He still has the pioneering spirit, a ready smile and lightly brown hair that makes him look much younger than he is.

All his farming life he grew corn, cotton, cane, peas, soybeans, and hay, and ran beef cows in the woods. In recent years he has diversified, but "I hardly have enough money to pay my feed bill when I buy the feed my cows can eat."

And his hill land was shipping away from him and his grandchildren. Although he retained his sloping fields, the terraces broke nearly every spring. These fields washed badly.

But now he's making over his 500-acre farm, with the help of complete soil and water conservation plan he and the Soil Conservation Service work at once.

Uncle Joe's first soil conservation job after the plan was made was to plant Dallas grass and white clover and 15 acres of the hill that was washing away under row crops. He finished that job last October.

Before planting the pasture, he prepared the land, applied 1,000 pounds of basic slag and 150 pounds of muriate of potash an acre. Then he cultivated the field and planted 10 pounds of white clover and 10 pounds of imported Dallas grass seed an acre.

"Next summer, I plan to mow the weeds every time I get a chance," said Uncle Joe. "I hope to save seed from this patch and plant another pasture next fall."

When he completes his conservation plan, he will have 225 acres of improved pasture growing on the hill land that was washing away.

All the new crops on Uncle Joe's farm will be grown in the future, on the nearly level land that has good drainage. The Soil Conservation Service men call this Class 1 land. Uncle Joe has 10 acres that will be used, with a rotation that includes soil improving plants to grow corn and other row crops.

Uncle Joe's 255 acres of woods will be protected from damage by grazing and fire. One of his next conservation jobs will be to build a firebreak around his woods.

"I'm going to fence all my woods with net wire, the hogs can't root up my small pine trees," he said. Several patches of young pines are to be thinned. He said he will thin these pines this winter and make fence posts of them. "I understand I can get chemicals to treat pine posts with and they will be just about as good as our old fat pine posts," the Crane Creek farmer said.

Before Uncle Joe decided to change his way of farming, he did a lot of looking, listening, and reading. In the farm magazines and in the newspapers he read about improved pastures. And he saw what some of his neighbors were doing with help from the Hancock Soil Conservation District.

Then, one day early last spring, he fact that a rival and much-less-costly proposal is before the Senate, that Gov. Wright is unalterably opposed to it, and that the state could not finance it without deficit spending of new taxes—both very vague possibilities.

When the representatives dispose of the MEA formula one way or another they will find themselves face-to-face with another bugaboo of the session—the creation of a four-year medical school and training hospital here at the cost of \$9 million. And again the major opposition is one of finance rather than principle.

SAYS IT'S LUXURY

"It's a luxury we can do without until we straighten out school and highway matters," one important salon observed. Others countered with the argument that the state cannot afford to operate it if it could construct the institution and that it merely would rekindle racial educational friction.

The measure already passed by the Senate hits the House floor Thursday at 2:30 p. m.

Both the salary equalization and medical college bills have the backing of strong organizations, and tremendous pressure is expected to be brought upon the lawmakers to vote for the proposals.

The Mississippi Education Assn. had an overflow crowd of teacher delegations at the capitol Tuesday. And a statewide citizens committee for the establishment of a four-year medical school will be present in full strength before the medical college debate.

The med. school proponents have scheduled a rally here Wednesday to concentrate their support and attempt to sway legislative opinion.

FIRE DESTROYS \$667,536,000 DURING 1949

Destruction Is Slightly Below 1948 Record

Even though fire losses tapered off slightly during 1949, an estimated \$667,536,000 in irreparable property was destroyed by flames during the year.

The total was only 6.1 per cent below the all-time record for destruction set in 1948 when losses were estimated at \$711,114,000.

The thousands of fires which broke out each day during 1949 burned up homes and jobs as well as badly needed foodstuffs and materials required to keep the nation's production high.

The slight dip in fire losses represented the first reduction since 1942. Estimated totals for the past ten years are:

1940	\$ 306,469,520
1941	322,357,000
1942	314,849,000
1943	380,235,000
1944	423,538,000
1945	455,429,000
1946	501,487,000
1947	692,625,000
1948	711,114,000
1949	667,536,000
TOTAL	\$4,835,549,520

These figures represent totals of monthly estimates.

The 1949 decline can be attributed in part to the moderate drop in the general price level, but fire prevention authorities also credit effective local fire safety campaigns says the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

DONATIONS TO THE TEEN-AGE CLUB

Donors to the Teen-Age Club are as follows: Mrs. S. S. Singson, \$5; Bay-Waveland Garden Club, \$10; Women's Civic Organization, \$10; Bay High PTA, \$25; St. Joseph's Parents' Club, \$10; Christ Church Guild No. 1, \$5; Christ Church Guild No. 2, \$10; Knight of Columbus, \$15.

Uncle Joe looked at Frank Shaw's pasture, and said he was amazed he heard that A. E. (Ford) Smith also had a good pasture. He looked at it, too. The more good pastures he saw the less he liked what he had.

Later Mr. Shaw invited Uncle Joe to go with him to Bay St. Louis to meet some of the district commissioners. The commissioners had asked farmers receiving help from the district to attend to aid in preparing a report on district progress to all local farmers.

Before the meeting was over, Uncle Joe had made up his mind. When Uncle Joe if he had anything to say to the Crane Creek farmer said:

"I don't have a farm plan yet but I want one and want to know just how quick I can get it. I have plenty of land. I want a farm plan that will leave my land in better condition for my grandchildren than it was when I got it. I realize from what has been said that these other men have plenty of success with pastures."

Soon the Soil Conservation Service technicians assigned to the district were helping him to decide the best use and treatment for each acre.

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